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'Machine-gun social' includes chance at AK-47

SOUTH CAROLINA A candidate to be South Carolina's next National Guard leader skipped the fiery speeches for firepower, launching his campaign with what he called a "machine-gun social."

The Greenville News reports some 500 people came out to a shooting range Saturday for Republican Dean Allen's political rally. He wants to be the next adjutant general, the person who leads the state's National Guard.

Attendees paid $25 for barbecue, a clip of bullets for target practice and the chance to win a semiautomatic AK-47. Whoever wins the rifle will have to undergo a background check.

South Carolina is the only state that elects its adjutant general.

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Police memorial

Remembering the fallen

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Ontario Provincial Police Const. Karl Johnston, hat bearer and coach officer for Const. Alan Hack, hugs Hack's fiancée Donna McKillop during the 32rd Annual National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service yesterday on Parliament Hill. Story, page 2.

Economic report time

Harper to give update in N.B. while opposition mulls election

While MPs return to the Commons today, Prime Minister Stephen Harper will deliver his government's latest economic report card in Saint John, N.B., far from the fractious opposition benches.

The statement on the progress of the government's stimulus program will draw fire from the Liberals, who say they are ready to topple the government at their first opportunity, perhaps as early as this week.

Liberal finance critic John McCallum said it really doesn't matter what's in the economic statement.

"We Liberals have made our decision," he said. "We're voting against the government, so in that sense the outcome is foregone."

This will leave NDP Leader Jack Layton to decide whether he can support the government, as he did earlier this month. All three opposition parties must vote together to defeat the government. Layton refused to say how his party will vote if a Liberal non-confidence vote comes up.

Appearing on CTV's Question Period yesterday, Transport Minister John Baird said Harper will provide an upbeat status report.

"He'll be able to give Canadians a real update on where we are on the economy, where we are on infrastructure spending," Baird said.

Economists Aron Gampel of Scotia Capital, Dale Orr of Economic Insight, and Don Drummond of TD Bank say Harper will likely claim that 80 per cent or more of the funding for infrastructure has been approved, but add that there's a gap between formal approval and actually getting paycheques to people.

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Stimulus plan

- The minority government got its economic stimulus plan approved in the Commons last spring by promising to deliver a series of economic report cards. Each of these reports, though, comes with a confidence vote.

Police want $341,000 rescue truck

REPORT The Ottawa Police Tactical Unit may be getting a fancy new ride.

Today, the police services board will consider the purchase of a $341,147 armoured rescue vehicle for the unit called the LENCO BearCat G3.

According to an OPS board report the need for the vehicle comes from a rise in the number of complex incidents involving firearms.

One of the main roles of the Tactical Unit is to execute high-risk search and arrest warrants in support of other units like guns and gangs, drugs, major crime, and repeat offender parole enforcement.

The report argues that an armoured vehicle would provide a secure observation and negotiation post if attempts at communication have failed when dealing with barricaded persons.

It could also be used to provide responding officers and paramedics with ballistic protection to rescue an injured officer or civilian during a high-risk operation.

According to the report, of 27 Canadian police services of similar size or larger than Ottawa's, nine have armoured vehicles and four have access to one if required.

The RCMP is purchasing a vehicle that would serve in Ottawa after it is deployed in Vancouver for the 2010 Olympic Games.

Due to different operational requirements of the RCMP and Ottawa police a joint use agreement is impossible.

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Transit workers vote to keep right to strike

This winter's transit strike may not be our last. Last week, members of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 279 voted to reject an interest-based arbitration, in favour of maintaining the current strike/lockout model to resolve labour disputes. In May, city council unanimously endorsed interest arbitration, a process that would avoid strikes and lockouts by having bargaining disputes resolved by an independent third party. The most recent contract negotiations, which resulted in the 53-day strike, will be resolved through binding arbitration. METRO OTTAWA

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OLYMPICS Ottawa will be well represented at the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver. The city is sending 61 police officers to assist with security during the games. The officers were selected from across the organization to minimize the impact on police operation. Their deployment will be staggered, ranging from 16 to 45 days, starting on Jan. 15. Ottawa police will be reimbursed for transportation and accommodation costs and the salary dollars and benefits from the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit budget. METRO OTTAWA

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Market faces uncertainty

Details of future scarce as Lansdowne consultations begin

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With public consultations on the Lansdowne Live development proposal to begin today, fresh uncertainty and some opposition were on offer alongside the produce at the Ottawa Farmer's Market yesterday.

The market is currently located at Lansdowne Park, and while a home for it is included in the Lansdowne Live plan, many details have not yet been settled.

"There are a lot of questions from a lot of vendors as to what's happening," said Andy Terauds, president of the Ottawa Farmer's Market.

The original plan, he said, included space for the market, but only about a third of the acre and a half that the market's 142 stalls currently occupy. The revised plan calls for more space, but how much more isn't known yet.

Terauds worries that the proposed relocation of the Horticulture Building would leave vendor stalls split into two groups, creating a two-tier market with more and less desirable space, like he sees on either side of the main building in the Byward Market.

"On one side is where most of the vegetable vendors are and so on, that's the good side. And then the other side is where everybody else who can't get onto the good side ends up. It's not the primary location."

Also key to the market's future, Terauds said, is an affordable, long-term lease with the city, rather than with the Lansdowne developers.

Terauds said the Ottawa Farmer's Market intends to have representatives at all the public consultations.

"I think it's important for the public to be there and state their concern. If they feel that the market is an important place to have in the city, they should definitely be saying that."

Walter Handelman, a member of Friends of Lansdowne Park, which opposes the plan, was also at the farmer's market yesterday, handing out pamphlets urging: Stop. Think. Get it Right."

"The current plan has nothing for children, nothing for seniors, nothing for picnic places, nothing for soccer fields, nothing to play cricket in, nothing for just a walk," Handelman said. "All it is, is a shopping experience."

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Jeff Froggett, left, and Stephen Richer sing their opposition to the Lansdowne Live plan at the Ottawa Farmer's market yesterday. Worry is mounting about the market's future.

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Ladies flock to National Women's Show for girl's day out

EXHIBITION The National Women's Show brought a girl's day out to Lansdowne Park Saturday and yesterday, and with the exception of the odd good sport of a boyfriend or husband, it was difficult to spot a man in attendance who wasn't working at one of the booths.

Some 150 vendors displayed their wares in different zones such as including World of Taste, Fashion and Style, Beauty and Wellness, and Career and Business. Event stages offered fashion shows and cooking and ballroom dancing demonstrations.

Special guests included Olympic skater and ovarian cancer spokesperson Elizabeth Manley and Canadian singer-songwriter Joe Taylor.

Some exhibitors were thinking pink to attract customer attention, like Booty Camp Fitness, which dressed staff in pink drill sergeant camouflage.

On the more soberly dressed side of the hall, uniformed recruiters from the Canadian Forces and the RCMP were looking for a few good women.

The variety of wares on offer was considerable, with luxurious 1,200 thread count Egyptian cotton sheets sold just across the aisle from the Slap Chop, the cut-rate kitchen utensil advertised on late-night TV. STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO OTTAWA

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Anastasia Laboccetta, 17, gets a new look at the National Women's Show yesterday.

Fallen police honoured at service

MEMORIAL On June 6, as Ontario Provincial Police Constables Alan Hack and Lynne Neale were responding to assist with the apprehension of a suspect attempting to elude police in southwestern Ontario, their cruiser was struck by a transport truck.

Neale was airlifted to Victoria Hospital in London, where she continues to recover to this day. Hack died from his injuries. He had only been on the road for two months prior to the collision.

"He was a good guy. So gung-ho and ready to get involved and get out there and help and catch bad guys," said Hack's coach officer, Provincial Const. Karl Johnston, who had worked with him for around two years. "There wasn't anything he didn't love about (the job)."

Yesterday, Hack was one of three officers who died in the line of duty this past year who was honoured at the 32rd Annual National Police and Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

Alberta RCMP Const. James Lundblad, who died in a vehicle collision on May 5, and Laval police Const. Eric Lavoie, who died on Sept. 8 , 2008, also had their names added to the glass honour roll panels next to the Memorial Pavilion behind Center Block.

Hundreds of officers from across the country paraded in their dress uniforms on Parliament Hill for the ceremony.

It was a sad, proud moment for Hack's fiancée Donna McKillop. They were to be married in August.

"It's a mixture of emotions. It's beautiful to see everyone coming together," said McKillop. TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

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Winnipeg Catholic church says no to handshaking because of flu worries
The Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg has banned handshaking between church-goers over concerns it could lead people to contract the H1N1 influenza virus, also known as swine flu, CBC News Online reported. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Turning trash into a treasure

Winnipeggers will be hitting the streets on Saturday and yesterday looking for the ultimate bargain — the freebie — while doing their part to keep usable items out of local landfills, CBC News Online reports. It's the city's inaugural "giveaway" weekend, a chance for residents to get rid of all of those usable "treasures" that have been cluttering up basements and garages simply by putting them out on the curb for others. METRO NEWS SERVICES

No 'blame Canada' in terror story

Allegations that suspected terrorist visited Canada ignored in U.S.

It was high-profile news in Canada: Najibullah Zazi, the man accused of plotting what might have been the biggest U.S. terrorist attack since 9-11, travelled twice to Canada in the months prior to his arrest.

And yet as Americans pore over every detail of his high-profile arrest, the Canadian connection has barely registered, despite assertions by prosecutors that Zazi's visits north of the border — and trips to Pakistan, allegedly for terrorism training — were reasons he should be considered a flight risk.

There's been little sign of the "blame Canada" rhetoric so prevalent in the U.S. in the weeks and months following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Some suggest that's because Canada might not have done anything wrong if American authorities failed to alert their Canadian colleagues that Zazi was a threat.

It's also unclear when Zazi travelled to Canada. A relative in Mississauga, Ont., has been vague, saying it was some time in the past year or two. U.S. authorities have had Zazi under surveillance since August 2008.

Chris Sands, a border expert at the Washington-based Hudson Institute, said if there was a falldown at the Canada-U.S. boundary, it could have been an American rather than Canadian mistake. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CSIS questioned in security case

CERTIFICATE Canada's spy agency and the federal government are expected to be thrown on the defensive today as lawyers for an Egyptian man suspected of terrorist ties argue to have proceedings against him stopped.

Mahmoud Jaballah claims the government violated his constitutional rights by slapping him with a second national security certificate in 2001 because the courts had already ruled in his favour.

Jaballah's initial security certificate in 1999 was found by the courts to be unreasonable and he was released after seven months behind bars.

However, the government argued it had new evidence against him and a second certificate was imposed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Convicted terrorist wants to practise law

RIGHTS A convicted terrorist is asking to practise law in Greater Toronto.

Parminder Singh Saini, 46, blames youth and naïveté for his role in a violent airline hijacking 25 years ago in his native India and says he is rehabilitated.

Parminder Singh Saini

"I had no legitimate right to do that," he told the Law Society of Upper Canada recently. "It's not legal."

He deserves a second chance, he and his advocates say.

"He served his time and was subsequently pardoned," says York University political science professor Sandra Whitworth, who taught him in 2001.

"The evidence of his character in the last 25 years," his lawyer Frank Addario told the law society, "points toward a complete rehabilitation on his part."

But critics remain skeptical. Aside from hijacking a plane and shooting at several of his 270-plus hostages — wounding one — Saini lied his way into Canada, has never gained landed immigrant status, faces deportation and by ministerial order remains a national security threat.

"Over the course of the last 15 years, (Canadian) courts and tribunals have declared that he is a danger to the public and security in Canada and that he shouldn't remain," law society counsel Susan Heakes told a hearing this month into Saini's application to practise law.

"How can you reconcile those decisions, as recent as July 2009, and find that Mr. Saini … should be admitted to the bar?" she asked.

Nobody questions Saini's initiative and persistence. While fighting deportation to India, he earned a BA from York University and a law degree at the University of Windsor, finishing in 2006. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vancouver **Dalai Lama worried about technology**

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The Dalai Lama, left, greets the crowd prior to a panel discussion with the Reverend Mpho Tutu, right, in Vancouver yesterday. The Dalai Lama is taking part in the World Peace Summit. He said technology may be getting in the way of peace because it may eliminate compassion.

Saskatchewan officials to destroy loose dogs

ATTACK Mounting frustration over an attack on a child has prompted officials in a northern Saskatchewan village to destroy loose dogs, saying the extreme measure is needed to fix a problem that plagues many remote communities.

"It is a last resort," says Ile a la Crosse Mayor Duane Favel.

"We can request that (owners) tie up their dogs and take care of them and be accountable and responsible for them, but when that doesn't happen this is the only alternative that we have. I don't like it."

Last weekend, six-year-old Shiloh Berscheid was badly bitten while playing outside in the village, more than 400 kilometres north of Saskatoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

OLYMPICS If Chicago wins its bid for the 2016 Summer Olympics it could bolster Ontario's chances of hosting the 2015 Pan American Games, suggested Richard Pound, one of two Canadians with a vote on the IOC.

NUCLEAR ENERGY The refurbishment of the Point Lepreau nuclear generating station in New Brunswick is now 16 months behind schedule, the province's energy minister says.

GADHAFI Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi confirmed his reputation for mercurial behaviour and undoubtedly triggered waves of Canadian government relief by abruptly cancelling his stopover in Newfoundland. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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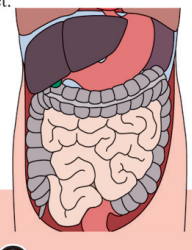

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New registry 'window dressing': Liberals

Alberta Liberals say the province's registry requiring those paid to lobby government to register is "window dressing," CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Friends honour N.S. peace activist

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Muriel Duckworth was remembered yesterday as all that and more during a memorial service for the longtime Nova Scotia activist who died last month at the age of 100.

Celebrating her life in stories and song, friends, relatives and admirers took to an auditorium stage to tell how Duckworth's lifelong commitment to activism and social justice inspired and provoked.

Former federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough described her friend as "an extraordinary Canadian woman."

"I don't actually remember a time in my life when Muriel was not something of a force to contend with," said McDonough.

Born in Quebec in 1908, Duckworth graduated from McGill University in Montreal and moved with her husband, Jack, to Halifax in the 1940s.

For the next several decades, she fought against racism and poverty and to improve the lives of women.

Duckworth was named to the Order of Canada in 1983, and in 1991 she received the Pearson Medal of Peace.

Duckworth is set to receive the Order of Nova Scotia posthumously on Oct 7.

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Ex -hostage tells CBC how captors 'hated' her

Ingrid Betancourt, the French-Colombian politician held hostage for more than six years by guerrillas in the Colombian jungle, told CBC News that her captors despised her.

"I was a politician. They hated politicians. I was a person with some education. They had none, so they thought I (had) a privileged social background and they hated me for that," Betancourt told the CBC in an exclusive interview that will air on The National tonight at 9 p.m. ET.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

TECHNOLOGY Toronto researchers have developed a portable device they say will accurately diagnose prostate cancer in 30 minutes.

The microchip technology, created by a pair of University of Toronto scientists, will be able to determine the severity of the tumours through a simple urine sample and produce quick diagnosis with no need for painful biopsies.

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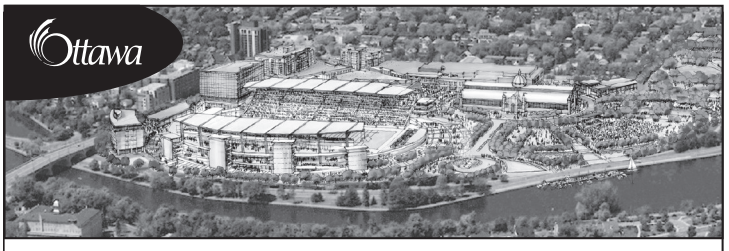

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Charest to Quebec: Time to tighten belts
Premier Jean Charest is warning Quebecers that the government will be forced to curb spending and limit new initiatives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wild poppy country?

Federal government considering growing controversial flower in Prairies: Document

Another kind of flower could be coming to Wild Rose Country.

A type of opium poppy used to make painkillers may be sown across southern Alberta's plains, a newly released document shows.

The federal government is giving thought to planting Canada's first commercial poppy crop and the parched Prairies are the perfect place to do it, says a briefing note for Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

"Parts of Canada, particularly southern Alberta, are ideally suited for the production of poppies," it says.

Ottawa is mulling a variation of the opium poppy called the thebaine poppy.

Thebaine is used to make painkillers such as percocet, buprenorphine, oxycodone, naloxone and naltrexone.

Poppies need a dry climate like southern Alberta's in order to thrive.

Poppies could be a cash crop for farmers battered by record dry weather this year.

The government estimates farmers could earn $3,000 to $6,000 a hectare growing poppies.

Agencies such as Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency would have to approve and regulate any plan to grow poppies, the brief added.

It's illegal in Canada to possess the opium poppy plant or its derivatives, other than poppyseed. Canada gets most of its poppy products from Australia and France, where the plants are grown legally.

The only places in Canada where poppies are legally grown are at labs in Manitoba and the University of Calgary, which hold research licences.

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Thebaine poppies

- Thebaine poppies are prized because they're more malleable as a chemical and act as feedstock for painkillers like oxycodone.

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Mental health centre to close beds

ALBERTA The man in the blue baseball hat, a Tim Hortons coffee in hand, sits on the bench in the unseasonably stifling early morning heat and shouts at passing cars on downtown Jasper Avenue. He can be heard a block away.

The scene is commonplace in major cities, mentally ill with nowhere to go.

But it's one that has become a fulcrum of angry debate in Alberta, with plans to close more than half the 410 beds at Alberta Hospital, the region's mental health bedrock.

It underlines pessimism with a government trying to cut, mould and remake a health-care system on the fly in the face of crashing oil and gas prices and multibillion-dollar deficits.

The plan, announced last month, will see patients moved out and the beds closed behind them over the next one to three years as equivalent beds become available in other hospitals or in community sites.

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U.S. readies unprecedented flu shot tracking system

The U.S. government is starting an unprecedented system to track possible side-effects as mass H1N1 flu vaccinations begin next month. The idea is to detect any rare, but real problems quickly, and explain the inevitable coincidences that are sure to cause some false alarms. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Berlusconi puts foot in mouth again

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi told a rally in Milan that he was bringing greetings from the United States from "What's his name? Some tanned guy. Ah, Barack Obama!" Shortly after Obama's election, Berlusconi raised eyebrows by saying the victor was "young, handsome and even has a good tan." This time, Berlusconi also took a poke at first lady Michelle Obama, left. "You won't believe it," he said yesterday, "but two of them went to the beach because the wife is also tanned." Berlusconi is known for his gaffes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Merkel re-elected in Germany

ELECTION German Chancellor Angela Merkel yesterday won the centre-right majority that eluded her four years ago — nudging Europe's biggest economic power to the right as it claws its way out of a deep recession.

Voters sent the nation's main left-wing party, the Social Democrats of Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, into opposition after 11 years as part of the government. It was the party's worst parliamentary election result since the Second World War. "There is no talking around it: This is a bitter defeat," a subdued Steinmeier said, vowing to lead a strong opposition.

The conservative Merkel managed to end her four-year "grand coalition" with the Social Democrats thanks to a very strong showing by her new coalition partner, the pro-business Free Democrats. Her own Christian Democrats produced an underwhelming showing.

"Tonight we can really celebrate," said a beaming Merkel, greeted by chants of "Angie! Angie!" from supporters. "(But) there are many problems in our country to be solved."

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People wade through floodwaters yesterday east of Manila.

Storm leaves at least 106 dead or missing

Many Filipino villagers managed to save only the clothes on their backs but began to rebuild yesterday as the flood waters receded from a tropical storm that set off the worst flooding in Manila in 42 years.

Army troops, police and civilian volunteers plucked dead bodies from muddy flood waters and rescued survivors from rooftops after Tropical Storm Ketsana tore through the northern Philippines a day earlier, leaving at least 106 people dead and missing.

Some residents began to clean up as the flood waters receded. Still, many parts of the capital city remained flooded. A brief period of sunshine showed the extent of the devastation in many neighbourhoods — destroyed houses, overturned vehicles, and roads covered in debris and mud.

Ketsana dumped more than a month's worth of rain in just 12 hours, causing the government to declare a "state of calamity."

The rains swamped entire towns and set off landslides that have left at least 83 people dead and 23 others missing, Defence Secretary Gilbert Teodoro said.

Tropical Storm Ketsana is the 15th of about 20 typhoons and storms expected to lash the country this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iran tests missiles

TEHRAN Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said it successfully test-fired short-range missiles yesterday in drills meant to show Tehran is prepared to crush any military threat from another country.

The display of force comes days after the U.S. and its allies warned Iran over a newly revealed nuclear facility it was secretly constructing.

Gen. Hossein Salami, head of the Revolutionary Guard Air Force, said Iran had perfected its short range missiles to make them more accurate in tactical battlefield situations and defend the country from any attacks.

> **"We are going to respond to any military action in a crushing manner."** Gen. Hossein Salami

"We are going to respond to any military action in a crushing manner and it doesn't make any difference which country or regime has launched the aggression," state media quoted Salami as saying. He said the missiles successfully hit their targets. The tests came two days after the U.S. and its allies disclosed that Iran had been secretly developing a previously unknown underground uranium enrichment facility.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said she doesn't believe Iran can convince the U.S. and other world powers at the upcoming meeting that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes, putting Tehran on a course for tougher economic penalties beyond the current "leaky sanctions."

The Iranians must "present convincing evidence as to the purpose of their nuclear program. We don't believe that they can present convincing evidence, that it's only for peaceful purposes, but we are going to put them to the test," Clinton told CBS' Face the Nation.

U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates arguing that pressuring Tehran economically and diplomatically would have a better chance of changing the Tehran government's policies than military strikes against the nuclear site.

"The reality is, there is no military option that does anything more than buy time," he told CNN's State of the Union in an interview broadcast yesterday.

Salami said Iran would test medium-range missiles last night and longer-range-missiles today, during drills set to last several days.

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News in brief

EARTHQUAKE China's devastating earthquake last year that left some 90,000 people dead or missing was caused by a geological event that occurs about once every 4,000 years, a study led by Chinese researchers said yesterday. Researchers said the 7.9-magnitude quake was caused by the breaking of solid rock separating major fault segments, allowing the quake to cascade along multiple faults.

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Pope says Europe needs to embrace Christianity
Pope Benedict XVI said yesterday that Europe must acknowledge its Christian heritage immigration rises from other religions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Success of vaccine trial credited to Thai people

Nearly 16,000 Thais ignored the false rumours that they were being infected by the AIDS virus, and overcame their fears of becoming social outcasts to participate in trials of the first vaccine found to prevent infection with the deadly virus.

Many of the volunteers — an eclectic mix of housewives, fishermen, factory workers, labourers and even prostitutes — saw first hand how the disease ravaged this region of plantations and industrial estates in southeast Thailand, and they wanted to do their part to end the epidemic that kills millions worldwide each year.

"In the '80s, the coffin business was booming around here."
Tanad Yomaha

"In the '80s, the coffin business was booming around here. It was one family, after another," said Tanad Yomaha, a volunteer whose sister and brother-in-law died of AIDS. "The temple here had at least one cremation ceremony every night and people were in perpetual mourning."

Their quiet dedication — 90 per cent of the volunteers stuck with the trial for over six years — paid off when American and Thai authorities announced Thursday that the experimental vaccine had been found to prevent infection with the AIDS virus, an unexpected result that many scientists thought would never be possible.

The vaccine was shown to cut the risk of HIV infection by more than 31 per cent.

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Oklahoma City tapes released

TERROR The FBI has released long-secret security tapes showing the chaos immediately after the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building. The soundless recordings show people rushing from nearby buildings after the fertilizer bomb went off. They don't show the actual explosion outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

The tapes were obtained by an attorney and provided to The Oklahoman, the newspaper reported yesterday.

Some of them show people fleeing their buildings through corridors cluttered with fallen debris.

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News in brief

PORTUGAL The centre-left Socialist Party retained power in Portuguese elections yesterday, despite the country's highest jobless rate in 20 years. "This is a clear and extraordinary victory," Prime Minister Jose Socrates said. The conservative Popular Party polled 10.5 per cent, while the more radical socialist Left Bloc had almost 10 per cent.

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A history of giving thanks

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The season of holidays is upon us. Rosh Hashanah has barely passed and Yom Kippur began last night which means Succoth is just around the corner. Ramadan has just ended, marked by the feast of Eid al-Fitr. Thanksgiving arrives in only two weeks. Everywhere in Canada folk are eating, fasting, praying, eating more, arguing with family, and swearing they're going to do the holidays different next year. This is called "tradition."

Today, we begin a two-part series on Thanksgiving. Part I: History.

Technically, Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday. Nowhere in the Bible does God proclaim, "Thou shalt go forth and kill the fatted turkey ... also, a little cranberry sauce on the side is nice."

The fact I know this just goes to prove that my degree in theology has practical application after all.

The first Canadian Thanksgiving, celebrated in 1578, had nothing to do with the fall harvest. Explorer Martin Frobisher returned home to Newfoundland, having failed to find the Northwest Passage, and held a feast to celebrate.

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Originally called the "OK, I'm a Loser but at Least I'm Still Alive" festival, this was later shortened to simply "Thanksgiving."

Before 1879, the date of Thanksgiving depended entirely on the whim of the government and shifted around without apparent rhyme and reason, much like social service funding does today. In 1957, Parliament finally confirmed Thanksgiving to be the second Monday in October and a statutory holiday was declared throughout country. Except among those plucky Maritimers in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P.E.I, who insisted, "No way are we letting Ottawa tell us what to do" even though it was pointed out that it meant getting a day off work.

Today, Thanksgiving is a celebration of nature's bounty. Growing up, my school invited students to put together an annual display of harvest items.

There was always a pineapple. I'm not sure why this was, given that our small, Ontario farming town wasn't really known for its abundant pineapple output. A friend in Edmonton says her school's harvest table always featured at least one Snickers bar. That, I get. I'm thankful for chocolate once a month, minimum.

This ends our history segment. Next week, Part II: "Tips for putting the Thanks in Thanksgiving." For instance, "The best part of any holiday is spending time with family. Sometimes it helps if the family you spend time with is not your own."

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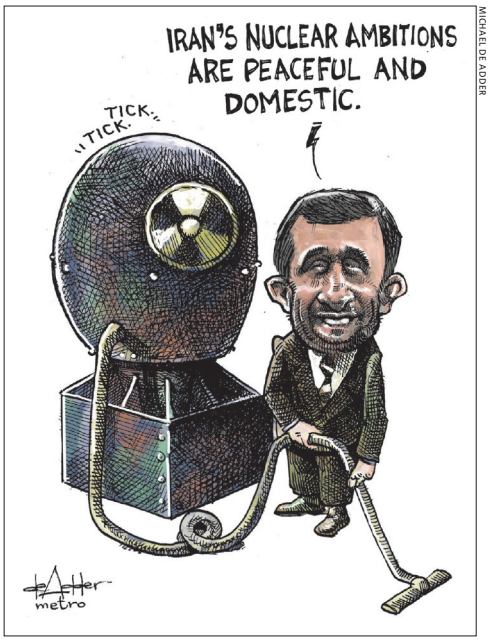

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Views

The mysteries of OC Transpo's transit math

InTransit

OC Transpo can't balance its budget, and so it's blaming its customers.

The bus service estimates it loses $3.7 million a year from fare cheats, and hence is declaring yet another enforcement crackdown and public information campaign to get tough on this crime wave.

Ridership, meanwhile, which is supposed to cover half of Transpo's budget, still hasn't recovered from last winter's strike, and I'm no expert, but suggesting your riders are a bunch of thieves seems a counter-intuitive strategy for boosting those numbers.

Where did the shocking $3.7 million total come from? It's most likely somewhere between a rough extrapolation and a wild guess. We've been given good reason to be skeptical of numbers we get regarding our transit service.

The cost of automated systems for calling out stops, originally budgeted at $6.7 million, is now pegged at $17 million. The price of our new light rail plan has reportedly already jumped another $100 million before a plan's even been completed.

Transit math, it turns out, can be tricky stuff.

Even if the $3.7-million fare fraud figure stands up, for all the fulmination about rampant criminality on our buses, that's a little over one per cent of the company's $349-million operating budget.

It's less, for example, than the $6.32 million OC Transpo blew on post-strike overtime pay between April and June alone, far outstripping the $4.47 million that had been budgeted for the period. It's about the same as the $3-to-4 million the city had hoped to save annually with the proposed scheduling changes that largely provoked the strike.

It's dwarfed by the $22.7 million shortfall caused by the strike itself, despite more dubious transit math by the city claiming that we were actually saving $3 million a week from the shutdown.

If OC Transpo hired mind readers as fare enforcers, and they somehow caught every single offender, we'd have enough to pay off the $36.7 million legal settlement for cancelling the old light rail plan in a mere decade.

I am by no means suggesting that bus riders shouldn't pay their fares. Nor am I denying that a certain number will cheat if given the opportunity. (OC Transpo learned this the hard way after they eliminated all their fare enforcement officers in 2001 as, oddly enough, a cost-saving measure. A golden age of cheating ensued, and an arbitrator ordered the bus cops rehired in 2005.)

It's just that this outcry over rear door-boarding stowaways bleeding the transit system dry rings a little hollow in the face of the less-than-stellar management of the system itself.

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Worth Mentioning

Bank of America sued for $1,784 billion trillion

Dalton Chiscolm is unhappy about Bank of America's customer service — really, really unhappy.

Chiscolm in August sued the largest U.S. bank and its board, demanding that "1,784 billion, trillion dollars" be deposited into his account the next day. He also demanded an additional $200,164,000, court papers show.

Attempts to reach Chiscolm were unsuccessful. A Bank of America spokesman declined to comment.

"Incomprehensible," U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said in a brief order released to a Manhattan federal court.

"He seems to be complaining that he placed a series of calls to the bank in New York and received inconsistent information from a 'Spanish woman,'" the judge wrote. "He apparently alleges that cheques have been rejected because of incomplete routing numbers."

Chin has experience with big numbers. He's the judge who sentenced Bernard Madoff to a 150-year prison sentence for what the government called a $65-billion Ponzi scheme. REUTERS

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Read on

Interested in learning more about tuna? Author Richard Ellis (who's written about great white sharks, tigers and other endangered creatures) explores how tuna got to be so threatened in Tuna: A Love Story.

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Save rainforests while net surfing

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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A green search engine? Is that really necessary? I mean how "ungreen" is a regular search?

Those were our thoughts when we first heard about Forestle.org. Forestle is a search engine started in Germany in 2008 that is apparently not only carbon dioxide neutral but also saves the rainforests.

How can this be, you say? Well, Forestle is non-profit site that tracks the carbon dioxide emissions caused by running their own servers, the network infrastructure and also the projected emissions caused by the computers of those who perform Forestle searches.

They then use part of the revenue generated from advertising on their site to purchase renewable energy certificates that are investments in wind, solar, geothermal, tidal and other renewable forms of energy. The rest of their revenue, after they maintain their servers and use about 10 per cent for administrative costs, is donated to the Adopt an Acre program, which is run by the Nature Conservancy to sustainably protect rainforests.

Forestle is non-profit search engine site that donates part of its revenue to the Adopt an Acre program, which helps protect rainforests.

Forestle calculates that they save about 0.1 square metres of rainforest per Internet search. This may not seem like much but we personally perform at least five Internet searches per day (there are a lot of things we don't know) so now we are up to half a square metre of rainforest per day, or 182 square meters per year.

Forestle posts monthly reports on their earnings and acres of rainforest protected and they estimate that to date they have protected almost 1.7 million square metres of rainforest.

Visit Forestle.org, a green search engine site

Forestle originally planned to partner with Google for their Internet searches, however this agreement fell apart for some reason and they are now partnered with Yahoo.

So how well does the search engine work? We tried a few searches on both Forestle and Google. Some of the links that turned up were the same and some were different. Both search engines gave us useful information and it did not appear that one engine was any better than the other. In fact, it looks like if you are having trouble finding information it might be useful to try both Forestle and Google. The one advantage Google does have is that you if you are using Google.ca you can click on the "pages from Canada" button that filters out most US sites, which is useful if you are trying to find something in Canada.

A person forges a deep bond of trust with their search engine. We have to trust it to give us the most relevant information. However, it seems like Forestle is very good idea and is at least worth trying.

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Tuna: Raw and rare

Sushi causing the bluefin to be near extinction

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The bluefin tuna is in fast depletion. In 1940, the world had 1.2 million metric tons of bluefin tuna. Sixty years later, it had less than 0.2 metric tons.

She's beautiful. She's fast. She's smart. But she may soon be gone forever. The bluefin tuna has fallen victim to the global sushi vogue.

"When it comes to bluefin tuna, oceans are like the Wild West," says Phil Kline, a veteran commercial fisherman who now works for Greenpeace. "There's no enforcement of rules, and fishing companies are making a huge profit."

In theory, depleting fish is illegal, but for bluefin tuna, the reality is very different. In 1940, the world had 1.2 million metric tons of bluefin tuna. Sixty years later, it had less than 0.2 metric tons.

"Fishing methods have become very efficient," says Richard Ellis, author of the recently released book Tuna: A Love Story. "But the market is the driver. The sushi craze is the main reason for the near-extinction of the bluefin tuna."

The bluefin, whose speed, intelligence and torpedo-like shape makes her the queen of large ocean fish, lives in the Mediterranean, in the Gulf of Mexico and the North Atlantic. Fishing companies bring their catch to Japan, where it's auctioned and shipped to restaurants around the world. Bluefin is big business: a single fish often goes for $50,000. (The record is $173,600).

Though a movement is beginning to protect the tuna — most recently, the European Commission took steps to list the Atlantic and Mediterranean as endangered with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (thus forcing a ban) — other attempts to slow the annual catch have failed.

Just last week, EU countries such as Spain, Italy and Greece (all home to major tuna fisheries) blocked a fishing ban on the Atlantic and Mediterranean species — a testament to the hunger the public has for this fish.

"It's full of flavour and has a perfect texture that melts like butter in your mouth," says legendary sushi chef Toshio Suzuki.

"It produces really exceptional cuts that few other species can compare to." Suzuki, of Sushi Zen, was one of the first Japanese chefs to introduce sushi in the United States.

But bluefin catches are fast declining. If the world doesn't stop eating bluefin tuna, the World Wildlife Fund estimates the species will be extinct within three years.

Mediterraneans catch the most

- Most Mediterranean countries catch more bluefin tuna than they're allowed. In 2006 ICAAT's scientist committee warned that bluefin catches must not exceed 15,000 tons a year if the species is to recover from overfishing. (ICAAT is the international organization responsible for tuna-fishing management.)
- Instead, ICAAT approved the EU's proposal for a quota of 29,500 tons. In 2007, legal and illegal bluefin tuna catches amounted to an estimated 61,000 tons.

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Yahoo director to resign at year's end

Yahoo Inc. director Maggie Wilderotter will step down from the slumping Internet company's board at the end of this year, leaving Yahoo with 11 directors. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Samsung, Ontario in green energy talks

South Korean electronics and industrial giant Samsung is in talks with the Ontario government to establish a renewable energy business in the province.

In a release, Ontario says talks have been ongoing for months and progress is being made toward an agreement.

Dalton McGuinty

In May, Samsung announced plans to enter the wind turbine market in 2010. The company has also entered the solar panel business, and both solar panel and wind turbine manufacturing in Ontario are reported to be part of the talks.

Ontario's manufacturing sector has shed hundreds of thousands of jobs in the face of the global recession. Premier Dalton McGuinty has championed his government's Green Energy Act as a significant move to attract green investment to the province.

Ontario says the proposed investment with Samsung is significant and would be a "very early sign of success" of the act.

The new act includes a feed-in tariff program — the amount paid to producers of renewable energy — which will range from 10.3 cents per kilowatt hour to 80.2 cents.

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India **Phoenix flies east**

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Woodson Hobbs, president and CEO of Phoenix Technologies Ltd., speaks during a press conference in Bangalore, India, on Friday. The California-based software company will expand its presence in India in an effort to move further into the Asia-Pacific region.

Investors' eyes on U.S. job reports coming this week

RECOVERY A number of key economic reports this week will give investors more insight into whether the fundamentals are truly in place to allow financial markets to continue building on the strong gains of the past seven months.

There will likely be market caution ahead of the most important piece of data coming during the week, the U.S. jobs report.

The consensus among economists calls for a loss of about 180,000 jobs, less than the 216,000 jobs eliminated during August when the unemployment rate ticked two-tenths of a point higher to 9.7 per cent — the highest rate since June 1983.

Economists also expect the unemployment rate to head up a 10th of a point to 9.8 per cent. A reading of around 175,000 would be the best showing since August 2008. About 320,000 jobs were lost the following month in the U.S.

Canadian jobs figures for September will not be released until Oct. 9.

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Business in brief

AUTO Ford Canada intends to slash its Canadian manufacturing presence from 13 per cent to eight per cent of total North American production despite requests from its union to the contrary, the Canadian Auto Workers says. Ford and the union have been negotiating a new contract since Sept. 8, but have reached an impasse over how much production will stay in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

INTERNET Twitter has lined up $100 million US to finance its operations while its founders plot ways to make money off one of the Internet's most popular communications tools. The investment values the company at $1 billion US.

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Bosh may miss camp time with injury
When the Toronto Raptors open their training camp tomorrow in Ottawa, Chris Bosh likely won't be on the court. The team announced on Friday that the four-time all-star is expected to miss some time because of a strained left hamstring. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Vick returns with little impact

Michael Vick played in an NFL game that counted, though he didn't account for much of the Philadelphia Eagles' offence. Vick carried once for seven yards, threw two incompletions and either handed off or was a decoy on eight other plays as the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 34-7 yesterday in the quarterback's first regular-season action since December 2006. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lions finally win a game

NFL RESULT

Washington 14 Detroit 19

AT

The Detroit Lions' losing run is over.

Matthew Stafford threw an early 21-yard touchdown pass to Bryant Johnson and the two connected to draw a key penalty that set up a TD in the fourth quarter as the Lions ended a 19-game losing streak.

They beat the Redskins 19-14. Detroit (1-2) had not won since Dec. 23, 2007 and their skid matched the second longest in NFL history.

Elsewhere in the NFL yesterday, it was: Minnesota 27 San Francisco 24; Philadelphia 34 Kansas City 14; New York Jets 24 Tennessee 17; Green Bay 36 St. Louis 17; Baltimore 34 Cleveland 3; Jacksonville 31 Houston 24; New York Giants 24 Tampa Bay 0; and New England 26 Atlanta 10.

At Detroit, Washington (1-2) pulled within five points on Jason Campbell's second touchdown pass with 2:36 left in the game, but couldn't prevent the Lions from picking up a first down that ran time off the clock and cost it three timeouts.

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Quarterback Matthew Stafford of the Detroit Lions runs with the football against the Washington Redskins at Ford Field in Detroit yesterday. The Lions defeated the Redskins 19-14.

Sports in brief

OHL Brock Beukeboom scored once and added an assist as the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds continued their perfect start to the Ontario Hockey League season with a 3-2 victory over the Ottawa 67's yesterday.

SPEEDSKATING Canada's short-track speedskaters wrapped up a successful weekend yesterday with a pair of relay medals at the Seoul World Cup. The men's relay team won silver in the 5,000 metres and the women added bronze in the 3,000 metres. Canada finished the event with four medals after Charles Hamelin's gold in the 500 metres Saturday and Kalyna Roberge's bronze in the women's 500.

FORMULA ONE McLaren's Lewis Hamilton won the Singapore Grand Prix yesterday, while Brawn GP driver Jenson Button extended his Formula One championship lead by one point. Hamilton started from the pole and protected his lead to finish 9.6 seconds ahead of Toyota's Timo Glock.

BASEBALL Catcher Lucas May hit a three-run homer as the United States defended its baseball World Cup title with a 10-5 win over Cuba yesterday. Canada defeated Puerto Rico 6-2 on Saturday to win bronze.

BASEBALL The oldest position player in the major leagues is planning to play another season. Rangers utility infielder Omar Vizquel, 42, says he feels good physically and "better take advantage" of how he feels.

FOOTBALL Florida quarterback Tim Tebow was released from hospital yesterday morning, about 12 hours after taking a hard hit to the head in a game against Kentucky. Coach Urban Meyer said that Tebow sustained a concussion when he was sacked by defensive end Taylor Wyndham on Saturday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mickelson wins Tour title

GOLF Phil Mickelson capped off a tumultuous summer at home with a spectacular rally yesterday to win the Tour Championship.

Tiger Woods finished another big year by winning the FedEx Cup and its $10-million US bonus.

In a riveting conclusion to golf's regular season, its two biggest stars shared the stage at East Lake with trophies that were meaningful in vastly different ways.

Mickelson seized control with a 31 on the front nine and closed with a 5-under 65 for a three-shot victory, his first since his wife and his mother were diagnosed with breast cancer in the spring. Both have a positive outlook in their recovery, although it has been an emotional burden for Lefty over the last three months.

For the third time this year, Woods struggled while playing in the final pairing. He didn't make a birdie until the 15th hole, and by then it was too late to catch Mickelson. Woods closed with an even-par 70, ending his playoff streak of eight consecutive rounds in the 60s, and was alone in second.

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Yankees beat Red Sox to take division

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Boston 2 New York 4

AT

Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees wrapped up the AL East title and home-field advantage throughout the post-season with a neat bow, beating the Boston Red Sox 4-2 Sunday for their 100th win of the season.

Hideki Matsui's go-ahead single in the sixth inning energized the damp fans and put them on notice that a party was coming. The first real celebration at the new Yankee Stadium began with a most familiar scene — Mariano Rivera on the mound, closing out another clinching victory.

"This one is special. We haven't been there," Rivera said, pausing to smile in a champagne-soaked clubhouse, "since last year."

Catcher Jose Molina leaped up from behind the plate even before Rivera had fielded Jacoby Ellsbury's soft comebacker for the final out. The Yankees swarmed Rivera on the first-base side of the mound while players in the bullpen streamed in.

Still to be determined is who New York will meet in the best-of-five opening round, and when. They'll most likely face the AL Central winner, either Detroit or Minnesota.

Once all the playoff teams are determined, the Yankees will get one hour to decide which playoff schedule they prefer. They can choose to start on either Oct. 7 or Oct. 8; the earlier start date includes a day off between the first two games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In the National League

- The St. Louis Cardinals clinched the NL Central crown Saturday night with a win over the Colorado Rockies.
- The NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers assured themselves of reaching the post-season by beating the Pirates 8-4 on Saturday night.

Sunderland downs Wolves

SOCCER Kenwyne Jones scored twice as Sunderland beat Wolves 5-2 in an incident-packed Premier League game yesterday.

A match that had two penalties, two own goals and a free kick just six yards from the goal line ended with Sunderland holding onto eighth place in the standings after a fourth victory in seven games. Wolves remained 16th after losing for the fourth time.

Manchester United took over the lead on Saturday with a 2-0 victory at Stoke while Chelsea's six-game winning streak in the league this season ended with a 3-1 defeat at Wigan.

Fernando Torres hit three as Liverpool outplayed Hull 6-1 and Robbie Keane scored four in Tottenham's 5-0 crushing of Burnley.

Arsenal won 1-0 at Fulham, Bolton triumphed 2-1 at Birmingham, Everton came away from last place Portsmouth 1-0 and Blackburn captured a 2-1 victory over Aston Villa.

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University of Calgary pro-life club puts up controversial display

Campus Pro-Life, a student group at the University of Calgary, launched its controversial on-campus campaign again last Wednesday, weeks before several club members are scheduled to face a judge over charges they trespassed on campus when they put up the display last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Outspoken York prof speaks out

Toronto's York University professor David Noble is asking a human rights tribunal to find the institution has penalized him for his outspoken criticism of the university. Noble has accused York of having a pro-Israeli bias. Appearing before the tribunal this week, former York president Lorna Marsden and current president Mamdouh Shoukri denied any retaliation against Noble. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Paramedics on wheels

This past weekend, the 50,000 or so competitors and spectators at the Waterfront Marathon in Toronto were able to get a bandage, oxygen or splint applied by a professional in mere minutes if they needed it.

That's thanks to Greg Trent and his fellow bicycle paramedics.

These paramedics also work shifts on ambulances, but they sometimes move on two wheels to help deliver emergency services in hard-to-reach places. They show up in the city's club district on the weekends and festivals throughout the warm months of the year (the last event they work is the Santa Claus Parade).

Trent, 48, grew up in Toronto and studied business at Sir Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo. Every summer, he came home and worked at Ontario Place. There, he admired the venue's medical response team, who would take care of scrapes, bumps and breaks.

"I liked that idea of knowing what to do when something happened," says Trent.

Trent got to know one of the guys on the team and asked him about the paramedic training course he'd just finished.

So, after graduation, Trent took the one-year course himself at Centennial College. (It's two years now). He applied to Toronto's Emergency Medical Services in 1983 and was accepted.

Wanting a little variety, he left a year later to work up in Kirkland Lake, Ont. He enjoyed the experience, but decided the fast pace of emergency services in the city suited him better, so came back to Toronto.

Toronto EMS founded the bicycle paramedic program in 1998 and Trent applied to join two years later. To qualify, he took the CAN-BIKE training program — which teaches bicycle safety and the rules of the road pertaining to bikes.

Now, as a part of a team of 30 paramedics, Trent works about 15 events a year — some on the team do as many as 30 — and works on an ambulances the rest of the time. Shifts usually last 12 hours, longer for certain all-day events.

Toronto EMS has 16 bikes and they're all equipped with everything an ambulance has, including a small oxygen tank, a small defibrillator, airway kit, IV kit and splints.

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Greg Trent, an advanced care paramedic with Toronto EMS, is seen here working the Toronto Marathon yesterday.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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Sick of trendy words?

Survey reveals most loathed and out-of-date sayings in the office

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

Buzzwords quickly turn into drones, and phrases that once sounded cool become distinctly ungroovy. Accountemps, a temporary staffing company based in California, recently revealed today's most overused office buzzwords and Metro sat down with a linguist to find out how language love turns to language loathing.

The survey showed "it is what it is" and "at the end of the day" to be two of the worst offenders.

"When business or industry terms become overused, people stop paying attention to them," explained Max Messmer, chairman of Accountemps. "The best communicators use clear and straightforward language that directly illustrates their points."

The out-of-favour phrases included game changer, as in "Transitioning from products to solutions was a game changer for our company," value-add, as in "We have to evaluate the value-add of this activity before we spend more on it," and leverage, as in "We intend to leverage our investment in IT infrastructure across multiple business units to drive profits."

Other offenders were synergy, customer-centric and think outside the box. Bosses were also sick of hearing about the recession, depression, down sizing and doing more with less.

Sally Rice, professor of linguistics at the University of Alberta, said buzzwords are like fashion trends in clothes. Some, like "cool," stick around to become stylish, while others, like "groovy," become unfashionable.

"They foster group identity. That's what slang is all about," Rice explained. "It's language fashion. When it gets overdone, people start to react (against it)."

Early buzzwords for the Internet were "information superhighway" and the "surfing" metaphor.

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The information superhighway is fast going the way of bell bottoms while surfing the web seems to have the holding power of blue jeans.

"Some words get into the mainstream and go 'viral,' to use an example," Rice said. "Vlog" and "Blog" were born as buzzwords around the same time. While vlog, a video log, is failing, blog is quickly losing its origins as a "web log" and becoming a regular word.

Rice said it's unpredictable which buzzwords will cross over to general use and which will wind up on most-hated surveys.

Workology in brief

WORRIES According to a recent survey conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, nine out of 10 university students in Canada are concerned about how the recession will affect their job prospects. Of the 673 university students surveyed from across Canada, 52 per cent said that the current economy has made them rethink their plans for the future, and 21 per cent of those indicated that they would accept work in an area not directly related to their major.

SALARIES ON ICE A recent salary increase survey conducted by global human resources consulting and outsourcing company Hewitt Associates, reveals that almost one-third, or 29 per cent of Canadian employers froze salaries in 2009 — the largest percentage in a decade. As for 2010, employers from across Canada indicated a feeling of guarded optimism with respect to salary increases for the coming year. –HEATHER BUCHAN

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Jamie Pressly is married

Jaime Pressly has a new name: Mrs. Singh. On Saturday, the My Name Is Earl actress married entertainment lawyer Simran Singh in front of family and friends in Malibu. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Life is over

The CW network's The Beautiful Life has been cancelled after just two episodes. The show made the news in July when star Mischa Barton was hospitalized for an undisclosed medical problem. POPEATER.COM

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Swiss arrest Polanski on U.S. warrant in sex case

Director Roman Polanski was arrested by Swiss police as he flew in for the Zurich Film Festival and faces possible extradition to the United States for having sex in 1977 with a 13-year-old girl, authorities said Sunday.

Polanski

Polanski was scheduled to receive an honorary award at the festival when he was arrested Saturday at the airport, the Swiss Justice Ministry said. It said U.S. authorities have sought the arrest of the 76-year-old director around the world since 2005.

"There was a valid arrest request and we knew when he was coming," ministry spokesman Guido Balmer said. "That's why he was taken into custody."

Balmer said the U.S. would now have to make a formal extradition request.

Polanski fled the U.S. in 1978, a year after pleading guilty to unlawful sexual intercourse with the underage girl. The director of such classic films as Chinatown and Rosemary's Baby has asked a U.S. appeals court in to overturn a judges' refusal to throw out his case. He claims misconduct by the now-deceased judge who had arranged a plea bargain and then reneged on it.

The Swiss statement said Polanski was in "provisional detention for extradition," but added he would not be transferred to U.S. authorities until all proceedings are completed. Polanski can contest his detention and any extradition decision.

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O'Brien expected back soon after hitting head during skit

Conan O'Brien is expected to be back on the job tonight after hitting his head during a Tonight Show stunt.

"Conan is resting comfortably at home. He is expected to return to work on Monday," NBC said in a statement.

The accident Friday halted production of Tonight, NBC said. The network did not say what the stunt entailed. O'Brien was examined at a hospital Friday and was released, although the network did not say when.

A Tonight rerun with guest Jeremy Piven aired Friday. According to NBC's website, the scheduled show was supposed to include Desperate Housewives actress Teri Hatcher and Seth McFarlane (Family Guy, The Cleveland Show). Actress Drew Barrymore and jockey Joe Talamo were the scheduled guests for Monday."

"Last thing I remember I was enjoying the play with Mrs. Lincoln, and the next thing I knew I was in bed being served cookies and juice" O'Brien said in a statement.

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Faces of the crisis

NFB tells stories of Canadians dealing with the recession

HANNAH ZITNER
for Metro Canada

Christian, a 40-year-old artist, used to live in New York City selling paintings to wealthy New Yorkers. He now lives in a kitchenless apartment in Windsor where he makes $100 a week.

Stuart, a middle-aged factory worker, used to work at the AbitibiBowater pulp and paper mill plant in Grant Falls, N.L. He now runs a government sponsored cranberry farm that won't see fruit for at least three years.

These are the stories of Canadians dealing with what some call the worst economic crisis since the great depression, and the National Film Board is following, capturing and sharing these stories with their latest project, GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis.

The project, which is the first large-scale collaboration between the French and English departments, is an interactive website featuring documentaries and photo essays about Canadians dealing with the recession.

"(The project) is a huge experience for all of us, it's completely different than what we usually do," producer Marie-Claude Dupont said from the NFB's head office in Montreal.

The NFB has been creating traditional documentaries for the past 60 years, but as part of a new digital strategy, is taking things online and interactive.

"The people are part of the project," Dupont said, adding that users will not only be able to comment on the stories, but also upload their own anecdotes, images and videos.

The project follows 15 Canadians for a year as they adapt to new circumstances and reinvent themselves in the face of the recession. Each week, a new chapter of their story is added to the site as a four-minute documentary shot by local filmmakers.

The characters come from across the country and from diverse employment backgrounds. Communities that aren't following characters all year, will share their stories through photo essays shot by local and regional photographers.

As part of a national strategy to tell engaging stories about Canadians to Canadians, the NFB says all content on the site is available in both French and English. The idea for the interactive documentary stemmed from a desire to create a dialogue about the crisis as well as establish a historical record of the era.

"It will be something like a time capsule," Michelle Van Beusekom, assistant director general of English programming, said.

"For us, it's a way of sharing our stories and seeing how other people are affected. But in the future — 50 years from now, 100 years from now — people can look back."

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More details

- GDP: Measuring the Human Side of the Canadian Economic Crisis goes live this week and will run for the next year. gdp.nfb.ca

Atlanta library gets Tupac papers

Tupac Shakur's mother has donated a collection of the rapper's writing to the Atlanta University Center's main library. Afeni Shakur has handed over more than 150 of her son's items, including rough drafts of lyrics and poems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Media frenzy over Roberts' India stint

FILM Young boys climbed trees and villagers crowded rooftops in a tiny dusty village in northern India yesterday to catch a glimpse of Academy Award winner Julia Roberts shooting her new film, Eat, Pray, Love. Scores of policemen, private guards and plainclothes security guards kept curious visitors at bay as the Pretty Woman star walked about the sets created at Mirzapur village, 65 kilometres south of New Delhi. Indian media have been covering Roberts' every move since she arrived in India accompanied by her three children nearly 10 days ago.

Essay early sign of Macca's genius

TALENT A discovery in a Liverpool library has revealed that Paul McCartney's talent for writing was winning him prizes when he was just 10 — though for an essay about the Queen, rather than a hit song. A British researcher said he found an essay written by the future Beatle for the coronation of the Queen.

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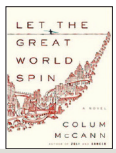
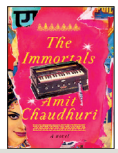
In New York moments





Let The Great **World Spin**

Authors: Column McCann
Publisher: HarperCollins Canada
Price: $32.99 (Hardcover)

Philippe Petit's daring 1974 high wire expedition between the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York serves as the catalyst for Colum McCann's mosaic of the city, Let the Great World Spin. On trial for the "artistic crime of the century," Petit is but one character in the interconnected stories that ensue. From prostitute mother Tillie turning tricks to support her family, to the artist Blaine's wife Lara, who checks on victims of a car crash her husband drove away from, McCann weaves characters' lives together, offering glimpses of life familiar to post-9/11 New York.

BookPicks

The **Immortals**

Author: Amit Chaudhuri
Publisher: Knopf
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

Set in 1970s and '80s Bombay, The Immortals explores the relationships between art and business, and tradition and the future, by honing in on two very different families. Shyam Lol's father taught him classical singing, but Lol makes his modest living teaching modern songs and intonation. Nirmalya Sengupta's mother is a wealthy but talented student of Lol's. She wants him to teach her son, who goes against the grain vocally and in terms of his comfortable upbringing. Teacher and student grow to learn about each other's seemingly opposing lives and the struggle between classic and contemporary culture.

Women are Crazy, **Men are Stupid**

Author: Howard J. Morris, Jenny Leey
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Price: $29.99 (Hardcover)

Writer/comedian couple Howard J. Morris and Jenny Lee set out to conquer common relationship problems in Women Are Crazy, Men Are Stupid. Reading much like a comical guidebook, Morris and Lee examine why the sexes approach situations so differently, always relying on that basic idiotic-insane hypothesis. The pair tackles gender perspectives on issues like having extramarital sexual encounters in dreams, the taboo act of not noticing your mate's new haircut, just how much romance is necessary to fulfill a "romantic evening" and how high definition television affects love.

BRIAN COULTON/ FOR METRO CANADA

Falardeau dies of cancer

OBIT Pierre Falardeau, the enfant terrible of Quebec cinema who suggested federalist anglophones should leave the province and once slammed Canada as a "colonizing power," has died of cancer in Montreal. He was 62.

Falardeau, who died Friday, will be remembered as much for his politics as his films.

The director was a sovereigntist hardliner whose films, writings and commentary dealt with issues of Quebec nationalism.

His strong opinions and willingness to offend made him a regular on-air presence in media outlets in the province, where he cut a scruffy figure by eschewing any trappings of elitism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Box office

Following are the top 10 films at the North American box office for the weekend beginning Sep. 25, according to studio estimates:

1. **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs:** $24.6 million US
2. **Surrogates:** $15 million
3. **Fame:** $10 million
4. **The Informant:** $6.9 million
5. **Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All Myself** $4.8 million
6. **Pandorum:** $4.4 million
7. **Love Happens:** $4.3 million
8. **Jennifer's Body:** $3.5 million
9. **9:** $2.8 million
10. **Inglourious Basterds:** $2.7 million

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9/28/09	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Victorian Farm (N)		The Agenda With Steve Paikin		Midsomer Murders		Henry VIII: Mind of a Tyrant		Agenda-Paikin
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	House "Epic Fail" (N)		Lie to Me (N)		Heroes "Ink" (HDTV) (N)		News Final
	-	-	5 SRC	Virginie (SC)	Les Parent (N)	L'Auberge du chien noir (SC)		La Galère (HDTV) (N) (SC)		Le Téléjournal Nouvelles. (SC)		TJ Ontario
	209	342	6 CHRO	Degrassi: TNG	TMZ (N)	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Two/Half Men	Big Bang Th	(10:02) Castle (N)		Comedy Now
	196	311	7 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Dancing With the Stars (HDTV) (Live)				(10:02) CSI: Miami (N)		CTV News
	208	303	8 CBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ron James	Little Mosque	Just for Laughs (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	-	360	9 NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Heroes "Ink" (HDTV) (N)		Trauma "Pilot" (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	117	713	10 TVA	La Classe de 5e (HDTV) (SC)		Yamaska (N) (SC)		Lance et compte		TVA nouvelles	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	-	-	11 QS	La Maison de	Rire et délire	CSI: NY (SC)		Le Mentaliste (SC)		Wipe Out	L'Attaque à 5	
	137	763	12 TFO	Panorama		Le Monde selon Monsanto		*Les Amours d'Astrée et de Céladon* ★★ (2007, Drame)				Bibliotheca
	-	362	13 CBS	The Insider (N)	Judge-Brown	How I Met	Accidentally	Two/Half Men	Big Bang Th	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14 OMN2	Family Guy	The Office	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		Omni News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Siddiqui
	214	344	15 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		How I Met	Accidentally	Trauma "Pilot" (N)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
	115	343	16 CFMT	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	Omni News: Italian Edition (N)		Vivere II	Omni News:	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	218	345	18 CHCH	*Forever Young* ★★★ (1992, Romance)		Mel Gibson.		*One Night at McCool's* ★ (2001, Comedy) Liv Tyler.				News at 11
	-	361	20 ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Dancing With the Stars (HDTV) (Live)				(10:02) Castle (N)		News
	512	396	24 CPAC	La Période de questions		L'Heure politique					Revue	Période-quest.
	651	355	25 CTS	Little House on the Prairie		Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman		100 Huntley Street		Life Today	This Is Day	John Hagee
	-	365	36 FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Epic Fail" (N)		Lie to Me (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
	-	-	64 PBS	Business Rpt.	Park It!	The National Parks: America's Best Idea (N) (DVS)					Islands Bridge	Charlie Rose
news	205	312	104 CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Dancing With the Stars (HDTV) (Live)				(10:02) CSI: Miami (N)		CTV News
	502	390	26 NW	CBC News	Our World	CBC News: Tonight (N)		CBC News: The National		Burma VJ: Reporting		National
	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27 net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Con.
	126	730	28 RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	That's Hockey!	Monday Night Countdown		NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Dallas Cowboys. (HDTV) (Live)					
	410	403	52 SCR	RaceNight				(9:15) WWE Monday Night Raw				Score Now
cable variety	411	457	56 OLN	Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Ghost Hunters		Bounty Hunter
	417	406	59 SC	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)		SuperCars	SuperCars	Barrett-Jackson		Car Crazy
family	554	544	48 TEL	Scooby-Doo	Total Drama	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	King of the Hill	American Dad	Futurama	Robot Chicken
	557	540	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody
	551	542	65 YTV	Drake & Josh	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Hates Chris	8 Simple Rules	What I Like	The Next Star		Adrenaline Proj
	570	580	29 MM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Brooke Knows	Brooke Knows	The Daily Fix
	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Intervention "Charles"		Intervention (HDTV) (N)		Hoarders (HDTV) (N)		Paranormal
	628	584	32 SPKE	Ultimate Iceman: Liddell		UFC Unleashed		UFC Fight Night (HDTV)				Ult. Fighter
	521	560	34 TLC	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Ultimate Cake Off (N)		Jon & Kate
	145	761	35 TV5	Vie publique		Questions pour un champion				Maritime	Urbania	TV5 Le Journal
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		*Lava Storm* (2008, Suspense) Valérie Valois.				Bones		NCIS
	620	523	40 BVO	Whoever You May Be		A Bronx Dream		Kaeshammer	Bravo!Videos	Jackie Richardson		Law & Order
	520	505	42 DIS	Daily Planet (N)		MythBusters		Junk Raiders (N)		Dirty Jobs Leeches.		Daily Planet
	575	583	43 CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Due South
	601	562	45 SLC	Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Last 10	10 Pounds	Re-Vamped		Plastic-Perfect	Plastic-Perfect	ET Canada
	625	548	46 COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Great Canadian Laugh Off		Daily Show
	294	529	47 TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*The Devil's Own* ★★★ (1997, Suspense)		
	600	564	49 H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	For Rent	Income Prop.	House Poor (N)	My First Place	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes-Homes
	627	528	50 SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		*The Omega Man* ★★ (1971, Science Fiction)				The Circuit
	581	566	53 MTV	MTV Presents	After	Parent Control	Over the Bolts	Daddy's Girls	MTV Cribs	True Life		MTV Live
	618	524	54 TROP	Raymond	Raymond	The Outer Limits		ET Canada	Comeback	Family Guy	Raymond	Raymond
	522	506	55 HIS	Weapons at War		Patton 360		Battles BC "Joshua" (N)		*Flyboys* ★★ (2006, Historical Drama)		
	129	773	60 CD	Biographies (HDTV)		Les Grands travaux (HDTV)		Science du sport (HDTV)		Preuves à l'appui		Mayday
	261	394	61 V	Murder, She Wrote		Green Grass	Summer Wine	McLeod's Daughters		Unscripted	Archaeologist	Poltergeist
	602	567	62 W	Old Christine	Friends	Friends	Grocery Bag	Love It or List It		House	Save Us-House	Love It-List It
	269	350	70 APTN	Top 10-Olympic Moments		Chefs amérindiens		*Le Silence des fusils* (1996, Drame) Jacques Perrin.				La Cité
	621	527	71 TLK	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	603	561	95 FN	Ricardo	David Rocco	Food Jammers	Food Jammers	Top Chef: Las Vegas (N)		At the Table	At the Table	Restaurant

critics'corner

Little Mosque on the Prairie
Mercy's Muslim residents enjoyed a great relationship with the Rev. Duncan Magee, who was always happy to rent out the parish hall to them. His replacement is not so happy about having them around. In the season premiere, the new preacher wants the Muslims gone, but he's about to get a lesson in tolerance from his congregants. 8:30 PM on 8 CBC

Heroes
While facing the unexpected consequences of his heroic acts, Peter meets a reluctant new hero. Claire tries to adjust to college life and the revelation of her ability. Samuel does everything in his power to recapture memories of Joseph. Sylar resurfaces in the new episode "Ink." 8 PM on 9 NBC; 10 PM on 3 GTV

Trauma
Executive producer Peter Berg is behind this action-packed new medical drama series that follows the first responder paramedics on the trauma team of San Francisco City Hospital, who often put their own lives on the line to save others. 9 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

Jay-Z just wants to rock out

Hip-hop mogul Jay-Z is eyeing a move into rock music — he's desperate to work with U2 frontman Bono, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rap superstar teamed up with nu-metal band Linkin Park for 2004's hit album Collision Course. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Sis slams Mac's sex story

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET Bijou Phillips — daughter of '60s musician John Phillips — isn't happy with half-sister Mackenzie, who claims she had a decade-long sexual relationship with their father, usmagazine.com reports.

"When I was 13, Mackenzie told me that she had a consensual sexual relationship with our father. This news was confusing and scary, as I lived alone with my father since I was three," Bijou, 29, says in a statement to usmagazine.com.

"I didn't know what to believe, and it didn't help that shortly there after Mackenzie told me it didn't happen," she added. "Mackenzie's history with our father is hers, but also clouded with 30 years of drug abuse.

"I hope she can come to terms with this and find peace," Bijou continues. "The life I had with my father was very different. He was Mr. Mom, encouraging and loving. The man that raised me would never be capable of doing such things, and if he was, it is heartbreaking to me to think that my family would leave me alone with him.

"I understand Mackenzie's need to come clean with a history she feels will help others, but it's devastating to have the world watch as we try and mend broken fences, especially when the man in question isn't here to defend himself," her statement concludes.

Mackenzie's stepmother Michelle Phillips, 65, also slammed the story. She told Vanity Fair on Friday, "I'm so embarrassed — and mad. At Oprah, at the publisher, and at Mackenzie, who should be on a psychiatrist's couch, not on TV…"

She added, "Mackenzie has affected the lives of all her nieces and nephews, who are not going to school today and are staying home sobbing instead."

Chynna Phillips is standing behind her stepsister Mackenzie. She tells the new Us Weekly: "I have pretty much come to peace with the fact that she's written this book and that it's been a cathartic experience for her."

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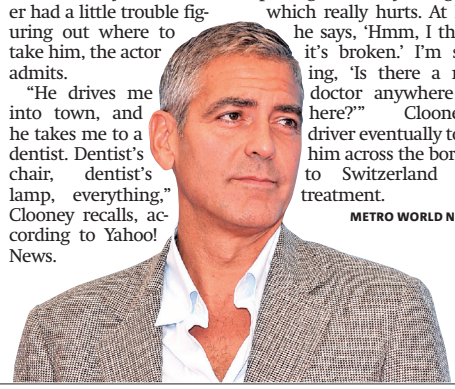
Clooney gets dentist instead of a doctor

YOU'RE KIDDING When George Clooney slammed his hand in a car door last month in Italy, his local driver had a little trouble figuring out where to take him, the actor admits.

"He drives me into town, and he takes me to a dentist. Dentist's chair, dentist's lamp, everything," Clooney recalls, according to Yahoo! News.



"The guy comes in, pulls the dentist's lamp down onto my hand. He starts pulling on my fingers, which really hurts. At last he says, 'Hmm, I think it's broken.' I'm saying, 'Is there a real doctor anywhere in here?'" Clooney's driver eventually took him across the border to Switzerland for treatment.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Say it ain't so, LiLo

IT CAN GET WORSE Producers of Britain's Celebrity Big Brother have a big contestant in mind for their upcoming final season. Sources say representatives from Endomol, which produces the series, were spotted in Singapore deep in negotiations with Lindsay Lohan about appearing on the lock-in series airing in January, according to the Sun.

As well, it looks like those reports of Lohan misbehaving in New York and throwing a room service in a hotel hallway last week were made up. "Someone is spreading all these crazy rumors about Lindsay," a source tells Page Six. "She wasn't in New York last Thursday, she was in Texas." So who has been making up stories about her? Lohan's pals speculate that it's a friend or relative of Samantha Ronson. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Angie too busy being mom to steam up big screen with Brad

MOMMY TIME Angelina Jolie says she's too busy to star in another film with partner Brad Pitt, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Oscar-winning actress — who famously met and fell in love with the handsome actor on the set of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, while he was still married to Jennifer Aniston — thinks it would be fantastic to work with him again but doesn't have the time because they raise six children together.

She said: "I'd love to work with him but we have a lot of kids."

Jolie says being parents to Maddox, eight, Pax, five, Zahara, four, Shiloh, three, and 15-month-old twins Knox and Vivienne is hard work as she and Pitt try and make sure all their kids are happy and fulfilled.

"We try to find a balance in our lives because we want to educate our children and fulfill our dreams as artists and as people.

"So before making a decision we think about it thoroughly because our family is our top priority. On a daily basis we make sure their schooling is going right and we're disciplining them properly and we're spending enough time with all of them individually." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

New SNL member's F-bomb doozy

OOPS There was a Saturday Night Live F-bomb in the season premiere of the TV show, popeater.com reports.

During her inaugural SNL episode, new cast member Jenny Slate swore in the middle of a sketch about biker chicks.

"You stood up for yourself, and I f—ing love you for that," she said.

Her reaction afterwards was sheer oh-my-what-have-I-done.

SNL cast member Charles Rocket was fired in 1981 for using similar words, popeater.com adds.

The Associated Press says that NBC declined to comment on the incident, other than to say the word had been restored to "freakin'" for the show's replays in western time zones.

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Celebrity tweets

Tila Tequila is looking to settle down for a few months, Sherri Shepherd suffers from a little early-morning tussling with her son and Samantha Ronson is uncomfortable with Twitter terminology.

• @officialTila Yea usually every summer I like 2 stay single & have summer flings! But every winter I like 2 shack up with only ONE person! who will it be?

• @SherriEShepherd Jeffrey wanted to wrestle, so I figured "what the hey"...it was fun until his foot shot out & connected with my eye...how long do I C stars?

• @samantharonson Can we not come up with something cooler than "tweet" or "tweeted"? I feel like such a dork every time I type or say that.

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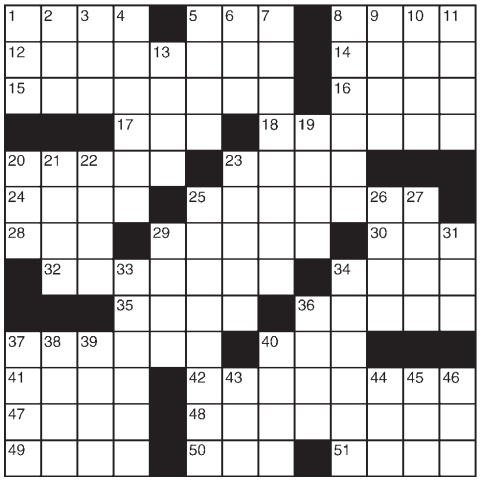

ACROSS

1 One of the Three Bears
5 Sample from a snifter
8 First victim
12 Lift
14 Hayseed
15 Christmas wreath adornment
16 Press clothes
17 Fresh
18 Rose protectors
20 Photographer Diane
23 Jailer's janglers
24 Traditional stories
25 Regard as forgivable
28 Sch. org.
29 Aspect
30 A Gershwin brother
32 Tornado
34 Paper holder
35 Hawaiian neckwear
36 Transparent
37 Ritzy cracker spread
40 Winter ailment
41 Lotion additive
42 Figaro portrayer, e.g.
47 Chess piece
48 Device measuring distance travelled
49 Formerly, formerly
50 Thanksgiving veggie
51 Old portico

DOWN

1 Energy
2 — Baba
3 Writing implement
4 Fifth or Madison
5 Pack cargo
6 Charged bit
7 Sham
8 Melodious
9 "Ironside" star
10 Black, in verse
11 Contact, e.g.
13 "Bullets," to a poker player
19 Jekyll's alter ego
20 Matterhorn, for one
21 Mil. training grp.
22 Heehaw
23 Zen paradoxes
25 Certain church singer
26 Cleopatra's river
27 A Great Lake
29 Entreaty
31 Spring mo.
33 Customer
34 Paratroopers' gear
36 Slender
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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	8		7			3	5	
3				1		6		7
7				9				
	9	2			1		6	
				3				
	3		4			8	7	
				6				4
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	1	8			3		9	

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2	3	5	4	6	8	9	1	7
8	6	1	7	3	9	5	2	4
9	7	4	2	1	5	8	3	6
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5	1	6	3	4	2	7	8	9
7	4	9	5	8	1	3	6	2
4	5	3	6	2	7	1	9	8
1	9	2	8	5	4	6	7	3
6	8	7	1	9	3	2	4	5

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Marinated Pork Kabobs

INGREDIENTS:

2 cups (500 ml) plain yogurt
2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground coriander
2 lbs (1 kg) pork tenderloin, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) cubes
8 small white onions, halved
8 cherry tomatoes
1 medium red pepper, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) pieces
1 medium green pepper, cut into 1-1/2-in. (3.5 cm) pieces

METHOD:

1. In a large resealable plastic bag, combine yogurt, lemon juice, garlic, cumin and coriander; add pork. Seal the bag and turn to coat; refrigerate at least 1 hour, but preferably 6 hours or overnight.
2. Drain and discard the marinade. Alternately thread pork, onions, tomatoes and peppers on eight metal or soaked bamboo skewers.
3. Grill, barbecue or fry the kebabs covered over medium heat 15-20 minutes or until meat juices run clear.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
No matter what happens today, stay calm, or else your health could suffer. Avoid bad news: don't look at letters, texts or e-mails until late tomorrow.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Sometimes you're assertive, sometimes timid, and sometimes you can't decide what to be. But as of tomorrow your thoughts will begin to stabilize.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's cosmic picture will make it too easy to overestimate your own strength while underestimating what others can do. Be careful.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
It's important to know when to work with others and when to work against them. Work with them today — but don't get too close.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
According to the planets, if you bet big you could win big today, but you could just as easily lose everything you have got. So, do you feel lucky?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You seem remarkably ambitious of late and employers and other important people have certainly made a note of your desire to get on in the world.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No matter how laidback you are you'll be easily provoked today, especially if you think someone's taking liberties. But make sure you know all the facts.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Principles are always important, but rarely more so than now. Don't even think of betraying what you believe in today: You'll curse yourself later.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Employers and authority figures may have been difficult to get along with lately but they'll mellow over the next two or three days: Don't hold grudges.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone is going to try to convince you that what is going on in the world will have major repercussions. But they are wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
At some point today you will get the chance to hold up your hand and admit that you made a mistake. Do so without embarrassment. It's no big deal.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The reason certain people are picking on you is that you've given them the impression you won't fight back. Surprise them: Give as good as you get.

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SEPT. 28, 1889: The first General Conference on Weights and Measures defines the length of a metre as the distance between two lines on a standard bar of an alloy of platinum with 10 per cent iridium, measured at the melting point of ice.
SEPT. 28, 1928: The U.K. passes the Dangerous Drugs Act outlawing cannabis.
SEPT. 28, 1928: Sir Alexander Fleming notices a bacteria-killing mold growing in his laboratory, discovering what later became known as penicillin.
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